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# News Release

## **ICE RETURNS WANTED ILLEGAL ALIEN TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES**

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.—Detention and Removal agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today turned over to Mexican authorities an illegal alien who is wanted in Mexico for felony assault. The alleged assault took place in Cancun in July.

ICE detention and removal officers were contacted by the U.S. Marshals Service last week for assistance in arresting Juan Garcia-Lumbrano, 25, a citizen of Mexico. Mexican officials had asked the U.S. Marshals for help in locating and returning Garcia-Lumbrano, but because a provisional arrest warrant had not been issued, the Marshals could not arrest him.



On Nov. 17, ICE officers, along with U.S. Marshals and members of the St. Paul Police Department's FORCE unit, arrested Garcia-Lumbrano at 750 Blair Ave. in St. Paul for being in the United States illegally. On Friday he was ordered removed from the U.S. by a federal immigration judge.

"This is a prime example of what can be accomplished with cooperation among law enforcement agencies both here and abroad," said Field Office Director Scott Baniecke of ICE's Detention and Removal Operations (DRO). "By joining forces and using each agency's expertise and authority, we've brought another fugitive to justice," he added. Baniecke oversees the program for the five-state area.

Garcia-Lumbrano was transferred to Chicago yesterday aboard a U.S. Marshals aircraft, and was flown to El Paso, Texas this afternoon to be turned over to Mexican authorities.

During fiscal year 2004, which ended Sept. 30, ICE detention and removal officers removed 3,152 criminal aliens and status violators from a five-state area that includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Of that number, 1,488 were classified as criminal aliens, having been convicted of such crimes as drug offenses, assault and battery, armed robbery, rape, and fraud, among others. The remainder, 1,664, had committed administrative immigration law violations.

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